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Supplemental Preliminary Amendment

Applicant has amended claim 1 as invited by the examiner to require the later interpretation, namely that the balloon material is made of at least one radiopaque portion. This is the interpretation applicant has been advocating all along should be given to the existing claim language and as now amended claims 1 and 3-5 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 7 has also been amended to affirmatively recite that the balloon is made of a material, at least one portion of which has had a radiopaque ink applied. This is believed to distinguish over the combination of Fishell and Cioanta, because the combination would result in applying radiopaque ink to the flexible tubes or bands – not to the balloon itself.

Claims 1, 3-5 and 7, as amended, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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